

ZEKE BILKINS.



Mr. Bilkins Talks with Caution—Mrs. Bilkins Sends Dr. Kingsbury's Picture and Tells us what to do Politically.

"Hello! Mr. Editor."

R.—"Hello! Col. Bilkins."

B.—"Say, I want to know what Bro. Swinson is going to do at Goldsboro? I see that he has called a political meeting all by himself."

R.—"You will have to ask Bro. Swinson."

B.—"Well, I reckon it don't matter. They will see the importance of going with the majority, whichever way that is. If they don't, they will get mity lonesome."

R.—"How are politics since you had your holiday?"

B.—"Doggone if I know. Betsy has been sorter out of humor, an' she makes me dance around so I hardly know how to vote, myself."

R.—"What is the trouble?"

B.—"Well, she is mad because some of the people want to go into the Third party, some into the Democratic and some into the Republican. She says people who want reform should wait a little, go slow an' get together an' go into the party that is the best an' adopt the policy that is best."

R.—"She is right. If there is a division of reformers in a partisan way or if they divide on a question of policy, the fat will all be thrown in the fire. No matter what party name they pray. No matter about a party name. A rose by any other name would smell just as sweet."

B.—"Say, if you are going to talk about roses and such, I'm goin' to call Betsy. She is runnin' the rose business and pretty near everything on this ranch now."

R.—"Hello! Mr. Editor."

B.—"Good morning, Mrs. Bilkins."

R.—"What was it that you asked Zeke about roses?"

B.—"Oh, nothing, only I said they are mighty nice flowers."

R.—"Yes, they are. That fellow who runs the Wilmington Messenger is a nice fellow, too. He is not a rose, though."

R.—"What is he?"

B.—"Well, he is hard to tell. I guess he is a Canada thistle. I would like to wring his neck."

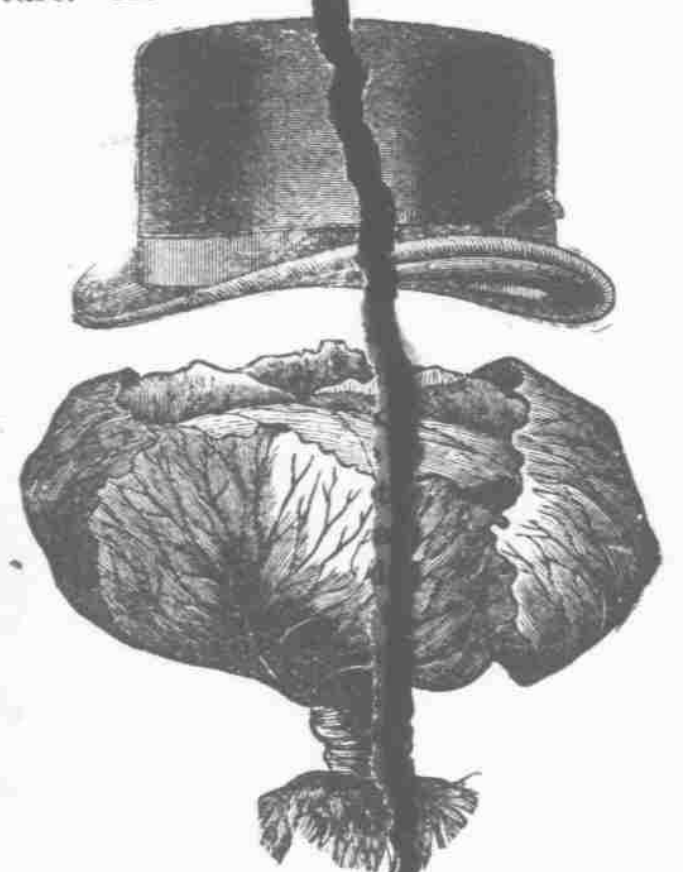
R.—"Why, Mrs. Bilkins, that would be real cruel."

B.—"You must know the Doctor pretty well."

R.—"Of course I do. I know all his history."

B.—"Can't you give me a description of him? I would like to see a man who is mean enough to slander honest farmers the way he has done."

R.—"I will send you his picture. Here it is:



"THE LONG, LANK DOCTOR."

B.—"Why, Mrs. Bilkins, that looks more like a cabbage head than anything I have seen lately. His hat stands up like he is scared on account of the political situation."

R.—"I reckon it does, but it is the best picture I have seen of him."

B.—"What do you think about the political situation now?"

R.—"I don't care, I don't deserve any better treatment. He has been calling us honest folks, 'nihilists,' 'anarchists,' and every mean thing he can think of. If it wasn't for his honest folks who work and furnish him a livin' he would be runnin' wild an' livin' on roots an' herbs in the woods. His finger nails would be four inches long. Instead of that he used the pulpit for a bomb proof during the war while Zeke was to the front fight in 'like a man.'"

B.—"I think the proper way to do is to look after State politics first. Let all reformers attend the primaries that are now being held through out the State, elect reformers to the county conventions and to the State Convention. I am not in favor of a new party so far as State politics are concerned. All we need is good true men for State officers, etc. But when it comes to national politics it looks like something must be done."

R.—"If you do that what will become of extremists like Dr. Kingsbury and Dr. Caldwell?"

B.—"I don't know an' I don't care. We must save the country. If they are saved all right; if not every week will still have even days. Good-bye."

STATE NEWS.

Sam of the State Press—Drops of Turpentine and Grains of Rice from the East—Clusters of Grapes and Tobacco Stems from the North—Stalks of Corn and Grains of Wheat from the West—Peanuts and Cotton Seed from the South

Salisbury is to have a neat opera house.

Union county is to have a new jail costing \$12,000.

Southport, which has 1,200 inhabitants, has no shoemaker.

A revival has been going on in the Methodist church at Greenville.

A storm did a good deal of damage at Salisbury on the night of the 18th.

Charles Blakburn, colored, shot and killed his wife at Greensboro Friday night.

Fayetteville, under the new law, becomes entitled to a free delivery of mail.

The people of Asheville have contributed \$120 to the Soldiers' Home at Raleigh.

Lawrence & Rackle, brown stone quarries at Sanford, have made an assignment.

The annual convention of the King's Daughters will be held at Wilmington May 18-20.

The new hotel at Hendersonville, containing 100 rooms, will be opened some time in June.

There has been for some days a mad dog "scare" at Fayetteville. Many dogs have been killed.

By forging a deed William Brinkley, of Forsyth county, swindled Mr. H. Montague out of \$118.

Four men were injured by the explosion of a boiler at Hilton mills in Wilmington last week.

Sites for a fine depot and warehouse which the Coast-Line will build at Fayetteville have been chosen.

Less guano has been sold at Halifax and the adjoining counties this season than in any year since 1866.

The farmers report that owing to the damp cold weather the early corn is beginning to rot in the ground.

Becky Watson, a young colored girl of Beaufort county, killed her newly born infant Thursday by smothering it.

The North Carolina synod of the Lutheran Church, will meet in St. Paul's Church, Rowan county, on April 28th.

The electric street railway at Wilmington has purchased the Grafflin lands at Hilton and will have a park there.

And now the Messenger hears the frosts in the Wilmington section have not hurt truck as bad as was expected.

Richard G. Green, Jr., of Yadkin county, eloped with a young girl Monday, leaving his wife with four children destitute.

The German Reform classes of North Carolina will meet at Hendric's Grove, Davidson county, the last Thursday in this month.

Gen. Bradley T. Johnson will be at Charlotte May 14th to further post himself in regard to the Mecklenburg declaration.

A dealer who in 1891 sold \$28,000 worth of horses and mules in the Anson section, this year has sold only \$7,000 worth.

Walter S. Little, aged 45, of Anson county, committed suicide Thursday by shooting himself through the heart with a pistol.

Congress appropriated \$100,000 for the improvement of the Cape Fear river below Wilmington, and \$15,000 above that city.

Statesville Landmark: The consensus of opinion seems to be that the cold snap has about made an end of the peach crop.

An illicit distillery, containing six thousand gallons of "moonshine liquor," was raided by revenue officers in Wilkes county Saturday.

Rev. B. F. Marable, aged 52, pastor of the Presbyterian churches at Clinton and Mount Olive, died at Duplin Roads Thursday morning.

The second annual session of the Western North Carolina Sunday-school Conference will meet at Salisbury Thursday, May 5th.

John A. Hamilton killed himself at Charlotte by taking laudanum. He was from Baltimore and brother of the actor, Theodore Hamilton.

Charlotte News: A little child of Dr. Knox, of Steel Creek township, died yesterday, from the result of burns accidentally received.

The Presbyterian Orphan's Home recently burnt at Barium Springs, Iredell county, will at once be rebuilt and completed by September 1st.

Dr. R. H. Lewis president of Judson college, at Hendersonville, has concluded to return to his home at Kingston and resume his position there.

The Durham Globe reports that the Dukes have let a contract for a cotton factory to be built within sight of Trinity College, which will cost \$500,000.

The people of the vicinity of Bost's Mills, Cabarrus county, have built a wire bridge across Rocky River, which is the only one of the kind in the State.

Dr. Wm. E. Hall, editor of the International, an undenominational weekly newspaper of New York City, lectured at Oxford female seminary Monday.

The Salisbury Herald learns that parties have purchased the Rocky River Springs, in Stanly county, with the intention of opening a fine summer resort.

The owners are sinking a shaft at the iron mine at Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus county, the Standard reports. And, as Capt. Albright says, the quality of the ore is fine.

A correspondent writing from Martin county says he has just seen a freak of nature in the shape of a calf with two tails. One is just where it ought to be, the other is attached to the backbone just over the calf's hips and hangs down on one side.

Roxboro Courier: Deputy Collector Woody informs us that he captured two copper stills this week, one near Ceffo, and the other near Chub Lake in this county.

A destructive cyclone passed through portions of Columbus and Bladen counties last week, and ruined much timber. The public roads were strewn with fallen timbers.

A special to the Wilmington Messenger states that the Mt. Olive Pioneer Lumber Company of that place has made an assignment to Dewey Bros., of Goldsboro.

Mr. G. P. Pell, of the Mt. Airy News, reports that town as still on the up grade. Sixteen brick stores are now in course of construction and many other buildings are going up.

Kings Mountain News: A new mineral was shown us this week by Mr. Sam Huffstetler. It came with a fine specimen of sulphur, and Mr. H. says he cannot tell what it is.

The freeze Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights killed the peaches in this section of the country. The weather was unusually cold and severe, says the Boone Democrat.

George Blount, who at Vandevere was shot by Souther Hammond, is dangerously injured. Hammond was in jail at Bayboro, but escaped, accompanied by another prisoner.

The Carthage Blade says that the commutation of Gilbert Dunlap reached Sheriff Currie Tuesday night, and adds that no doubt justice has been meted out according to the crime.

General LeDuc, receiver of the defunct People's National Bank of Fayetteville, will within the next ten days pay another dividend of 15 per cent, out of the collections thus far made.

Raleigh Chronicle: A white delegate from Lincoln county to the Republican convention went to the executive office yesterday and said he wanted to pay his respects to Governor Fowle.

Riggins & Gortell made the largest shipment of tobacco last Saturday which ever left Winston in one day. There were, the Sentinel reports, thirteen car loads, billed to parties in Canada.

Salisbury Truth: Mr. Leonard Krider, an aged and reliable citizen of this county, while ploughing a few days ago tore up a root of a tree that measured 77 feet and part of it was left in the ground.

The Washington Progress thinks that the fruit crop has not been materially damaged by the recent cold snap, but considerable damage has been sustained by the truckers in that section.

John P. Jones shot and killed his uncle, S. B. Brookshire, at the postoffice at Flat Rock, Henderson county, Monday evening. Brookshire's intimacy with Jones' wife was the cause of the homicide.

Mention was made Wednesday that Davie county had sent four convicts to the penitentiary; three for burglary and one for manslaughter. All were white and none were over twenty-two years of age.

Miss Maggie M. Clayton, aged 16, of Granville county, while on her way to see her married sister, by way of Sunday, was the townsister, near Franklin, who was thrown from a buggy by a runaway mule and almost instantly killed.

John Barlow, of Davie county, gets ten years in the penitentiary for killing one Faircloth, at a corn shucking. Moonshine whiskey was the beverage of the evening. Barlow cut Faircloth's throat with a knife.

There was a shooting affray at Advance, Davie county, at W. A. Bailey's distillery, between his book keeper, James McGinn, Jr., and his boss distiller, Wm. Jarvis, who shot the former and made his escape.

The Fayetteville Observer says that Col. Wharton J. Green, who is largely interested in horticulture, reports the outlook bright at Tokay, where he has under cultivation fruits of almost every kind and variety.

Truck farmers in the Wilmington section ought to come out largely ahead during the approaching season. From all accounts, the Star says, the crops of early vegetables suffered but slightly by the recent cold snap.

It is stated authoritatively that Charlotte, Winston and Wilmington are rated each as having only twenty-six men in business who are valued at \$50,000 and over. Raleigh is rated at ten men of that amount and over.

Mount Holly News: On last Friday night, April 8th, 1892, James Ioceman, nee Miss Ella Brinkley, daughter of Mrs. Martha Brinkley, of Mountain Island, died suddenly of heart disease. Aged twenty-one years and five months.

Rev. A. C. Dixon, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will preach in the new First Baptist church at Asheville May 10. He will also lecture in the church on "Myths and moths of modern infidelity," and will handle "Bob" Ingersoll with gloves off.

The Snow Patent Tobacco Barn Company has failed, and attachments amounting to between \$35,000 and \$37,000 have been taken out against its property at High Point, Oxford and other places, the Danville Register reports.

Mr. P. C. Coontz has been down in Cline's township and reports that the farmers have abandoned cotton growing almost entirely; but were planting a large crop of corn. It is so in various parts of the county, says the Hickory Mercury.

The Salisbury Herald learns that Mrs. Rebecca Hooks, of Red Hill, Anson county, gave birth last week to six children. Two years ago three children were born to her, and in six years she has given birth to twelve children.

Cabarrus county appears to be in earnest about the new railroad from Concord to Charlotte or to some point on the Carolina Central railway. Concord township Tuesday voted to issue \$75,000 in bonds in aid of the road. This road appears to be a certainty, the Charlotte News says.

The water works of the town will probably be extended. A gentleman representing a corporation appeared before the board last week, and was given an option on them. He has the matter under consideration, says the Tarboro Advocate.

Tobacco plants in the Asheville section are reported to be seriously injured by the recent cold weather. The City says it is found that serious shortage in the tobacco crop will be the result, as it is too late to grow new plants in time for planting.

Smithfield Herald: Mr. Geo. S. Wilson, keeper of the poor of Johnston county, told us to-day that sometime ago he was remodeling his barn and in tearing up the floor they killed 340 rats, a large number of them had burrowed beneath the barn.

Charles Blackman, the wife murderer, waived an examination at Greensboro Tuesday and was sent back to jail to await the action of the grand jury at June term. The Record says the worn-out insanity dodge is what he will, no doubt, attempt.

Greensboro Record: J. C. Montgomery, of this city, has patented a black ink, from which letters written with it can be copied into the ordinary letter book, without brush, water or press. In fact, you can copy your letters on any soft tissue paper.

Raleigh Visitor: The hope is expressed in the State Guard circles that the next encampment will be held at Wrightsville. The little son of Mr. T. Q. Byrum, of Barton's Creek township, was fatally burned yesterday morning and died this morning.

New Bern News: A Jones county gentleman had Dr. G. K. Bagby to extract 34 teeth at one sitting. He took no anesthetic—nothing whatever to assist him in passing through the ordeal and yet he gave not the least expression of any pain he suffered.

Morganton Herald: The horse thief who murdered deputy Marshall Miller, in Wilkes county, has never been captured, though hundreds of men scour the mountains in search of him. Jim James, a noted robber of the Duck Creek section of Alexander county.

The invitations to the 20th of May celebration at Charlotte will be handsomely engraved and printed from copper plates. They will, the News says, be illuminated by a representation of a genuine Mecklenburg hornets' nest, from a photograph "taken from life."

Franklin Press: Mont Huff, a merchant of Nantabala township, committed suicide one night last week by taking a box of Rough on Rats and two and a half ounces of laudanum. He was involved in financial troubles, and had been drinking heavily for several days.

Louisburg Times: Cypress Creek has recently lost two of its highly esteemed citizens; Joseph Hines, aged 80; died on the 7th, and Jasper York, aged 46, died on the 4th. The latter gentleman was formerly from Granville, having been in this county about two years.

While Mr. Dave Abernathy's little son was walking with him, he was struck by a runaway horse, and the boy was hurled into the air and fell on his head, the horse struck a stump, or something in the ground, throwing one of the horses, breaking its leg in three places, which necessitated the killing of the horse, says the Hickory Mercury.

Dr. Phil. Macon, of Warrenton, was very severely hurt a few days ago. His horse, being nervous, ran off before he could get the reins and threw him backwards out of his buggy, he fell on his head, and the result was a slight concussion of the brain. He is now out of danger.

A day or two ago a man was at Greensboro making inquiries for the Adams and Joneses. He was attorney for people of these names as descendants of the Cherokees, who claim the land. The Record says, more than half of Guilford county, the claim embracing much of the city property.

Charlotte News: Several years ago, a jeweler named J. D. Barnes was in business here. He fled a watch from Mr. F. Abernathy, of Paw Creek township and struck out for South Carolina. He pled his vocation in that State for awhile and spent 12 months in the penitentiary.

Charlotte News: John Boyd, the negro who is charged with the train wrecking, arraigned in court yesterday and was permitted to submit to a charge of larceny. The indictment was for the burglary of Mr. McQuay's house. Judge Means sentenced him to ten years in the penitentiary.

While Mr. Gray Boswell was unloading guano at the Fremont depot, Monday morning, his mule became frightened and started on a run. Boswell in attempting to check the flight of the animal, was dragged across a lot of cross-ties and his right leg becoming entangled was broken above the ankle.

The Laurinburg Exchange, speaking of McDougal, of that town, says he is not wasting away from the effects of his confinement and subsequent attack of grippe, but seems to be in the enjoyment of his usual health, and is prosecuting his business with as much vigor as he did before he went to jail.

Goldsboro Argus: It is thought that the entire bean crop in this section is entirely killed by the frost, and those who can secure seed, which are very scarce, are busy replanting their crop of truck in the hope of yet being on time for the Northern market before Norfolk shuts out North Carolina truck.

Washington Gazette: Jno Coward, and escaped convict, was taken back to the penitentiary by Sheriff Hodges, Tuesday. John, as he calls himself, has had a wonderful career, if we may believe his story. He says he was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary, and after serving two years he escaped to South Carolina.

He was caught and remanded to the penitentiary, where he remained three years and escaped again. This time he has eluded the detectives for seven years, but when he came to Washington was nabbed.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Sparks from the Wires—Most Important Events Throughout the World for a Week.

Four negroes were lynched at Inverness, Fla., on the 19th.

KENOSHA, Wis., April 19.—Fire this morning burned four squares before it got under control.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Two clerks of big importers were arrested this morning charged with bribing custom officials.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Osmond, who murdered his wife and her paramour was sentenced to death this morning. He will be electrocuted on June 6th.

RIO JANEIRO, April 19.—The reported yellow fever scourge at Santos is at an end. The loss of life from this dread disease has been very great in that city.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 20.—It is reported from Newfoundland that a protest is being raised against the tariff on Canadian goods. Petitions are numerous signed.

LONDON, April 21.—A dispatch from Frankfurt says that Herr Jaeger, chief cashier of the Rothschilds, has absconded after embezzling nearly two million marks.

OCALA, Fla., April 20.—Five men and a woman all colored, have been arrested, charged with the murder of Stevenson and Payne, near Fernando. One of the men has confessed.

BERLIN, April 20.—The Vervaehts says sixteen halls have been hired for May-day demonstrations. The paper advises workmen not to let the capitalists prevent them from celebrating the day.

Col. Geo. Gray, for many years general counsel of the North Pacific Railroad, and one of the leading members of the New York bar, died of paralysis, in Orange, N. J., on the 19th inst. He was 69 years old.

KINSTON, Ont., April 20.—It is said that calves two or three days old are killed at Campbellford and the carcasses sent to Montreal to be made into "bone less turkey." As many as fifty were killed in one day.

DENNISON, Texas, April 19.—The torrid wave has reached here. The thermometer at 3 p. m. yesterday was 90 degrees in the shade. The weather is stilling and the most extraordinary experience at this season in a number of years.

WARREN, O., April 20.—At Niles, five miles from this city, Samuel Williams yesterday afternoon crushed the skull of his daughter with a flat iron and cut his own throat. The daughter will recover. He was a puddler's helper and was insane from drink.

LONDON, April 20.—The anarchist paper the Commonwealth, seized by the police yesterday, contains violent articles referring to home secretary Matthews and chief inspector Melville as monsters and barbarians, and inquiring if such men are fit to live.

PARIS, April 20.—A violent manifesto is published, which the revolutionary faction of the socialists will try to have adopted at a meeting to be held at black salin wax and put on it your [Provide a name] to fight.

Spanish anarchist has been expelled from France. Anarchist manifestos have been seized at St. Etenne and Lyons.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 20.—Rumors are current here that all the phosphate companies in this vicinity have organized into a trust with F. S. Rogers, as president, and that the trust will issue bonds for \$2,000,000 and will control the output and price of commercial fertilizers.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 19.—A canoe, while crossing Clinch river, near Kyles Ford, became entangled in set lines and was overturned. Its occupants, an unknown woman and two little girls, were thrown into the stream and drowned. It is believed that they were rowing away from the flood district.

Something is the matter with the bottom of the United States steamship Philadelphia, at Key West. She has met with some accident about which the officers are extremely uncommunicative. The Navy Department has been informed of the matter, and an expert diver will be sent to make an examination.

WASHINGTON, Pa., April 19.—Lawyer Edgington, of Memphis, has been here securing affidavits for use in the defense of Alice Mitchell, indicted for the murder of Freda Ward. He learned that Alice Mitchell's mother's maiden name was Isabella Scott and insanity was hereditary in the Scott family. The Memphis lawyer took the affidavits to New York, where he expects to submit them to his insanity experts.

UTICA, N. Y., April 19.—At 3 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the yarn mill of E. B. Woolworth & Co., in Oriskany Falls. It originated on the roof and it is thought a spark from a midnight train, south bound, was the cause. As soon as the fire found its way through the roof it was impossible to check its progress, as the floors were soaked with oil. About fifty hands were employed. Only the walls remain standing. Loss \$50,000.

AKRON, O., April 21.—Mrs. Anna Percy, wife of night foreman Percy, of the Cleveland paper company at Monroe Falls, this county, while preparing breakfast this morning, turned to her four children who were playing in the kitchen, and kissing them good bye, said: "Now look, children."

She then drew a revolver from her dress pocket and blew out her brains, dying instantly. No cause is assigned.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 19.—A desperate fight between the United States authorities and a band of moonshiners took place this morning near Big Bay, in Craighead county, Ark., in which one of moonshiners, T. C. Bryan, was killed. The authorities were led by Deputy United States Marshal Faulkner and a deputy sheriff and posse.

They captured a quantity of beer and whisky and two moonshiners, whom they will bring to this city to day.

LITTLE ROCK, April 20.—A terrific wind storm, accompanied by heavy rain and hail, passed over Arkansas early this morning. A number of barns and out buildings in this vicinity were badly damaged. Lightning struck several houses in the western part of the State. A freight train on the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad ran into a tree which had been blown across the track and was badly wrecked. The engineer, fireman and brakeman were probably fatally injured.

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